

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:48
ANSWERED ON:07.07.2004
CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has taken a decision to withdraw certain Centrally Sponsored Schemes;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 48 REGARDING CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES BY DR. COL. (RETD.) DHANI RAM SHANDIL DUE FOR ANSWER ON 7.7.2004

- (a) : The Planning Commission undertakes a review of the existing Centrally Sponsored Schemes from time to time and subjects them to Zero-based Budgeting (ZBB), retaining only those schemes that are demonstrably essential.
- (b) : The exercise helps in rationalizing the schemes by making them more focused and it also streamlines the delivery system to ensure that benefits reach the target group.
- (c): The Common Minimum Programme that has been adopted by the Government refers to transfer of all Centrally sponsored Schemes except in national priority areas like family planning to States.